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SUBJECT: PROJECTED DELIVERY OF GRANT EQUIPMENT FOR GOM

- ERADICATION EFFORT

1. FOLLOWING IS BEST ESTIMATE OF AVAILABILITY DATES FOR EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED GOM FOR FY 1975 AND FY 1976 CAMPAIGNS. THESE ESTIMATES ARE NECESSARILY IMPRECISE, BECAUSE SUPPLIERS REFUSE COMMIT THEMSELVES UNTIL CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN SIGNED. NEVERTHELESS, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES APPROXIMATE AVAILABILITY DATES USEFUL FOR EMBASSY IN PLANNING AND, IF EMBASSY DEEMS APPROPRIATE, FOR PASSING ON TO GOM PROVIDED ABOVE CAVEAT UNDERSTOOD BY MEXICANS.

2. AVAILABILITY DATES (EXFACTORY) ARE CALCULATED FROM DATE OF RECEIPT BY VENDOR OF FIRM ORDER:

A. TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT - 60 TO 105 DAYS.

B. PHOTOGRAPHIC SUPPLIES - 30 DAYS.

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C. ARMS AND AMMUNITION - 30 TO 90 DAYS.

D. INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT FOR PILOTS AND MECHANICS -
30 TO 90 DAYS.

E. CONTRACT FOR UH-1N/SPARE PARTS WAS COMPLETED
ON OCTOBER 18, 1974. (FOR EMBASSY INFORMATION
ONLY: SINCE AERO SERVICES SECTION LACKS
CAPABILITY ABSORB QUANTITY OF SPARES CONTRACTED
FOR, BELL WILL PLACE PARTS IN BONDED STORAGE AND

ISSUE THEM ON AS-NEEDED BASIS.)

F. BELL MODEL 212 HELICOPTERS: TWO USED 212'S HAVE
BEEN LOCATED, APPROXIMATELY 200 HOURS ON BOTH
AIR FRAMES. ONE UNIT AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 1,
1974. ONE UNIT AVAILABLE DECEMBER 1, 1974.
TWO FACTORY NEW MODEL 212'S WILL BE AVAILABLE
LAST QUARTER CALENDAR 1975.

G. COMPASS TRIP SHRIKE COMMANDER: MODIFICATION AND
CAMERA EQUIPMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION ON
OCTOBER 28 AND AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED FOR AVAIL-
ABILITY OCTOBER 29. AIRCREW TRAINING FOR TWO
PILOTS, ONE CO-PILOT AND ONE MECHANIC WILL
BEGIN OCTOBER 30, 1974 FOR FIVE DAY PERIOD.

H. BELL 206'S - JANUARY 1975 AVAILABILITY.

3. TRAINING FOR 23 PILOTS AND 16 MECHANICS: FOUR FIXED
WING PILOTS BEGAN A FOUR WEEK HELICOPTER QUALIFICATION
COURSE IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS OCTOBER 14. TWO MECHANICS
BEGAN TRAINING ON MODEL 212 ENGINES AT HARTFORD,
CONNECTICUT, OCTOBER 21. DEA MEXICO (ED HEATH) HAS
COPY OF TRAINING SCHEDULE. ALL TRAINING SHOULD BE
COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY 14, 1975.

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